

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

TQ DELTA, LLC,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	
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	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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COMMSCOPE HOLDING COMPANY,	§	
INC., COMMSCOPE INC., ARRIS	§	
INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, ARRIS	§	
GLOBAL LTD., ARRIS US HOLDINGS,	§	
INC., ARRIS SOLUTIONS, INC., ARRIS	§	Civil Action 2:21-cv-310-JRG
TECHNOLOGY, INC., and ARRIS	§	(Lead Case)
ENTERPRISES, LLC,	§	
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NOKIA CORP., NOKIA SOLUTIONS	§	
AND NETWORKS OY, and NOKIA OF	§	
AMERICA CORP.	§	Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-309-JRG
	§	(Member Case)
	§	
Defendants.	§	
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DISCOVERY ORDER

After a review of the pleaded claims and defenses in this action, in furtherance of the management of the Court's docket under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, and after receiving the input of the parties to this action, it is ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Initial Disclosures.** In lieu of the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1), each party shall disclose to every other party the following information:
 - (a) the correct names of the parties to the lawsuit;
 - (b) the name, address, and telephone number of any potential parties;

- (c) the legal theories and, in general, the factual bases of the disclosing party's claims or defenses (the disclosing party need not marshal all evidence that may be offered at trial);
- (d) the name, address, and telephone number of persons having knowledge of relevant facts, a brief statement of each identified person's connection with the case, and a brief, fair summary of the substance of the information known by any such person;
- (e) any indemnity and insuring agreements under which any person or entity carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment entered in this action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment;
- (f) any settlement agreements relevant to the subject matter of this action; and
- (g) any statement of any party to the litigation.

2. Disclosure of Expert Testimony. A party must disclose to the other parties the identity of any witness it may use at trial to present evidence under Federal Rule of Evidence 702, 703 or 705, and:

- (a) if the witness is one retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or one whose duties as the party's employee regularly involve giving expert testimony, provide the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B) and Local Rule CV-26; and
- (b) for all other such witnesses, provide the disclosure required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(C).

3. Additional Disclosures. Without awaiting a discovery request,¹ each party will make the following disclosures to every other party:

- (a) provide the disclosures required by the Patent Rules for the Eastern District of Texas with the following modifications to P.R. 3-1 and P.R. 3-3:
 - i. If a party claiming patent infringement asserts that a claim element is a software limitation, the party need not comply with P.R. 3-1 for those claim elements until 30 days after source code for each Accused Instrumentality is produced by the opposing party. Thereafter, the party claiming patent infringement shall identify, on an element-by-element basis for each asserted claim, what source code of each Accused Instrumentality allegedly satisfies the software limitations of the asserted claim elements.
 - ii. If a party claiming patent infringement exercises the provisions of Paragraph 3(a)(i) of this Discovery Order, the party opposing a claim of patent infringement may serve, not later than 30 days after receipt of a Paragraph 3(a)(i) disclosure, supplemental “Invalidity Contentions” that amend only those claim elements identified as software limitations by the party claiming patent infringement.
- (b) produce or permit the inspection of all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to the pleaded claims or defenses involved in this action, except to

¹ The Court anticipates that this disclosure requirement will obviate the need for requests for production.

the extent these disclosures are affected by the time limits set forth in the Patent Rules for the Eastern District of Texas; and

- (c) provide a complete computation of any category of damages claimed by any party to the action, and produce or permit the inspection of documents or other evidentiary material on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered, except that the disclosure of the computation of damages may be deferred until the time for Expert Disclosures if a party will rely on a damages expert.

4. **Protective Orders.** The Court will enter the parties' Agreed Protective Order.

5. **Discovery Limitations.** The discovery in this cause is limited to the disclosures described in Paragraphs 1-3 together with:

- (a) Interrogatories: TQ Delta² is permitted to serve up to fifty (50) interrogatories on CommScope.³ TQ Delta is also permitted to serve up to fifty (50) interrogatories on Nokia.⁴ CommScope is permitted to serve up to fifty (50) interrogatories on TQ Delta. Nokia is also permitted to serve up to fifty (50) interrogatories on TQ Delta
- (b) Request for Admission: Requests for admission directed to document authentication shall be clearly denoted as such, and shall be served separately from any requests for admission subject to the numerical limitations. Furthermore, any party may issue a reasonable number of requests for admission seeking

² "TQ Delta" as used herein refers to Plaintiff TQ Delta, LLC.

³ "CommScope" as used herein refers to Defendants CommScope Holding Company, Inc., CommScope Inc., ARRIS International Limited, ARRIS Global Ltd., ARRIS US Holdings Inc., ARRIS Solutions, Inc., ARRIS Technology, Inc., and ARRIS Enterprises, LLC.

⁴ "Nokia" as used herein refers to Defendants Nokia Corp., Nokia Solutions and Networks Oy, and Nokia of American Corp.

authentication of documents, to the extent that the parties cannot otherwise reach agreement regarding the authentication of specific documents. The parties are required to meet and confer in good faith prior to serving any requests for admissions directed solely to the authentication of documents and things to determine whether the requests are necessary and/or reasonable. In addition, TQ Delta is permitted to serve up to eighty (80) requests for admission on CommScope. TQ Delta is also permitted to serve up to eighty (80) requests for admission on Nokia. CommScope is permitted to serve up to eighty (80) requests for admission on TQ Delta. Nokia is also permitted to serve up to eighty (80) requests for admission on TQ Delta.

(c) Depositions of Parties, Third Parties, and Experts:

- i. Party Depositions: TQ Delta is allowed no more than ninety (90) hours of oral deposition of party witnesses (including Rule 30(b)(6) and Rule 30(b)(1) depositions but excluding experts) for CommScope. TQ Delta is also allowed no more than ninety (90) hours of oral deposition of party witnesses (including Rule 30(b)(6) and Rule 30(b)(1) depositions but excluding experts) for Nokia. CommScope and Nokia are allowed no more than forty-five (45) hours of joint oral deposition of party witnesses (including Rule 30(b)(6) and Rule 30(b)(1) depositions but excluding experts) for TQ Delta. CommScope is allowed no more than forty-five (45) hours of individual oral deposition of party witnesses (including Rule 30(b)(6) and Rule 30(b)(1) depositions but excluding experts) for TQ Delta. Nokia is also allowed no more than forty-five (45) hours of individual oral

deposition of party witnesses (including Rule 30(b)(6) and Rule 30(b)(1) depositions but excluding experts) for TQ Delta. To the extent numerous 30(b)(6) topics are designated for a particular witness the parties will meet and confer to determine a reasonable length for that particular deposition. Each party reserves the right to seek an adjustment of these time limits based upon changes to the scope of discovery, or the addition or dismissal of any parties, in this case. These provisions, further, may be amended by agreement of the parties or upon order of the Court upon good cause shown.

- ii. Third Party Depositions: Third party depositions are to be conducted in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. TQ Delta is allowed up to seventy (70) hours of third-party deposition time. CommScope is allowed up to seventy (70) hours of third-party deposition time. Nokia is also allowed up to seventy (70) hours of third-party deposition time. The parties shall coordinate depositions of third parties to reduce redundancy and inconvenience to the third parties.
- iii. Expert Depositions. Depositions of expert witnesses are limited to seven (7) hours per witness per report. However, the parties agree that if any expert report addresses the issues of both infringement/non-infringement and/or validity/invalidity those issues each shall be treated as a separate report for the purposes of the deposition hours limits set forth above.

(d) Any party may later move to modify these limitations for good cause.

- 6. **Privileged Information.** There is no duty to disclose privileged documents or information. However, the parties are directed to meet and confer concerning privileged

documents or information after the Status Conference. By the deadline set in the Docket Control Order, the parties shall exchange privilege logs identifying the documents or information and the basis for any disputed claim of privilege in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege or protection. Any party may move the Court for an order compelling the production of any documents or information identified on any other party's privilege log. If such a motion is made, the party asserting privilege shall respond to the motion within the time period provided by Local Rule CV-7. The party asserting privilege shall then file with the Court within 30 days of the filing of the motion to compel any proof in the form of declarations or affidavits to support their assertions of privilege, along with the documents over which privilege is asserted for *in camera* inspection.

7. **Signature.** The disclosures required by this Order shall be made in writing and signed by the party or counsel and shall constitute a certification that, to the best of the signer's knowledge, information and belief, such disclosure is complete and correct as of the time it is made. If feasible, counsel shall meet to exchange disclosures required by this Order; otherwise, such disclosures shall be served as provided by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5. The parties shall promptly file a notice with the Court that the disclosures required under this Order have taken place.
8. **Duty to Supplement.** After disclosure is made pursuant to this Order, each party is under a duty to supplement or correct its disclosures **immediately** if the party obtains information on the basis of which it knows that the information disclosed was either incomplete or incorrect when made, or is no longer complete or true.
9. **Discovery Disputes.**


- (a) Except in cases involving claims of privilege, any party entitled to receive disclosures (“Requesting Party”) may, after the deadline for making disclosures, serve upon a party required to make disclosures (“Responding Party”) a written statement, in letter form or otherwise, of any reason why the Requesting Party believes that the Responding Party’s disclosures are insufficient. The written statement shall list, by category, the items the Requesting Party contends should be produced. The parties shall promptly meet and confer. If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute, then the Responding Party shall, within 14 days after service of the written statement upon it, serve upon the Requesting Party a written statement, in letter form or otherwise, which identifies (1) the requested items that will be disclosed, if any, and (2) the reasons why any requested items will not be disclosed. The Requesting Party may thereafter file a motion to compel.
- (b) An opposed discovery related motion, or any response thereto, shall not exceed 7 pages. Attachments to a discovery related motion, or a response thereto, shall not exceed 5 pages. No further briefing is allowed absent a request or order from the Court.
- (c) Prior to filing any discovery related motion, the parties must fully comply with the substantive and procedural conference requirements of Local Rule CV-7(h) and (i). Within 72 hours of the Court setting any discovery motion for a hearing, each party’s lead attorney (*see* Local Rule CV-11(a)) and local counsel shall meet and confer in person or by telephone, without the involvement or participation of other attorneys, in an effort to resolve the dispute without Court intervention.

- (d) Counsel shall promptly notify the Court of the results of that meeting by filing a joint report of no more than two pages. Unless excused by the Court, each party's lead attorney shall attend any discovery motion hearing set by the Court (though the lead attorney is not required to argue the motion).
 - (e) Any change to a party's lead attorney designation must be accomplished by motion and order.
 - (f) Counsel are directed to contact the chambers of the undersigned for any "hot-line" disputes before contacting the Discovery Hotline provided by Local Rule CV-26(e). If the undersigned is not available, the parties shall proceed in accordance with Local Rule CV-26(e).
- 10. No Excuses.** A party is not excused from the requirements of this Discovery Order because it has not fully completed its investigation of the case, or because it challenges the sufficiency of another party's disclosures, or because another party has not made its disclosures. Absent court order to the contrary, a party is not excused from disclosure because there are pending motions to dismiss, to remand or to change venue.
- 11. Filings.** Only upon request from chambers shall counsel submit to the court courtesy copies of any filings.
- 12. Proposed Stipulations by the Parties Regarding Discovery.**
- (a) The parties will move separately for an order regarding e-discovery.
 - (b) Where technologically feasible, all pleadings and other case-related documents will be served via email pursuant to L.R. CV-5(d).

(c) Items Not Required in Privilege Log: Except as provided under Local Patent Rule 3-7, no party is required to include in a privilege log any documents that came into existence on or after the filing date of the Original Complaint.

13. Standing Orders. The parties and counsel are charged with notice of and are required to fully comply with each of the Standing Orders of this Court. Such are posted on the Court's website at <http://www.txed.uscourts.gov/?q=court-annexed-mediation-plan>. The substance of some such orders may be included expressly within this Discovery Order, while others (including the Court's Standing Order Regarding Protection of Proprietary and/or Confidential Information to Be Presented to the Court During Motion and Trial Practice) are incorporated herein by reference. All such standing orders shall be binding on the parties and counsel, regardless of whether they are expressly included herein or made a part hereof by reference.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 17th day of December, 2021.



RODNEY GILSTRAP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE